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# **Advisory Announcement**

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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2021/2022 commercial winter troll fishery for Chinook salmon will reopen in defined outside waters east of the winter boundary line at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, April 3, 2022. The fishery will continue through April 30, 2022, or until the guideline harvest level (GHL) of 45,000 non-Alaska hatchery-produced (treaty) Chinook salmon is reached (5 AAC 29.070[a][1] and 5 AAC 29.080[a]).

During the 2022 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting held in Anchorage, action plans were adopted giving the department direction, through emergency order authority, to identify and implement actions that provide conservation for Southeast Alaska/Yakutat (SEAK) and Transboundary River (TBR) wild Chinook salmon stocks while continuing to identify harvest opportunities that maintain conservation of these stocks. The harvest proportions of wild SEAK and TBR stocks seen in fisheries operating on the outside waters of Southeast Alaska continues to remain low due to the abundance of non-Alaska stocks prevalent in these areas. In contrast, the proportions of wild SEAK and TBR stocks harvested in fisheries operating on the inside waters of Southeast Alaska remains elevated. Accordingly, the late winter troll fishery will reopen in waters along the outer coast to harvest the remaining GHL of approximately 28,000 treaty Chinook salmon.

### The following waters will open to troll gear east of the winter boundary line (5 AAC 29.020[b]):

District 3: in all waters of Sections 3-B and 3-C;

District 4: in all waters of the district;

<u>District 5</u>: in waters south of a line from Point Howard (56°04.28′ N lat, 134°13.63′ W long) to Cape Pole (55°57.43′ N lat, 133°48.94′ W long);

<u>District 9</u>: in waters south of a line from Cape Ommaney (56°09.63′ N lat, 134°40.25′ W long) to Point Howard (56°04.28′ N lat, 134°13.63′ W long);

District 13: in all waters of Sections 13-A and 13-B;

<u>District 14</u>: in waters west of a line from 58°17.14′ N lat, 136°29.02′ W long to 58°13.32′ N lat, 136°21.28′ W long;

District 183: in all waters of the district;

<u>District 181</u>: in those waters of statistical area 181-60 within the winter boundary line.

Information regarding plans for spring troll fisheries will be announced in the 2022 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan and by advisory announcement during the month of April. Information regarding intended management actions for the conservation of Southeast Alaska Chinook salmon in the 2022 commercial troll and net fisheries will be announced in a future advisory announcement.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S0222.

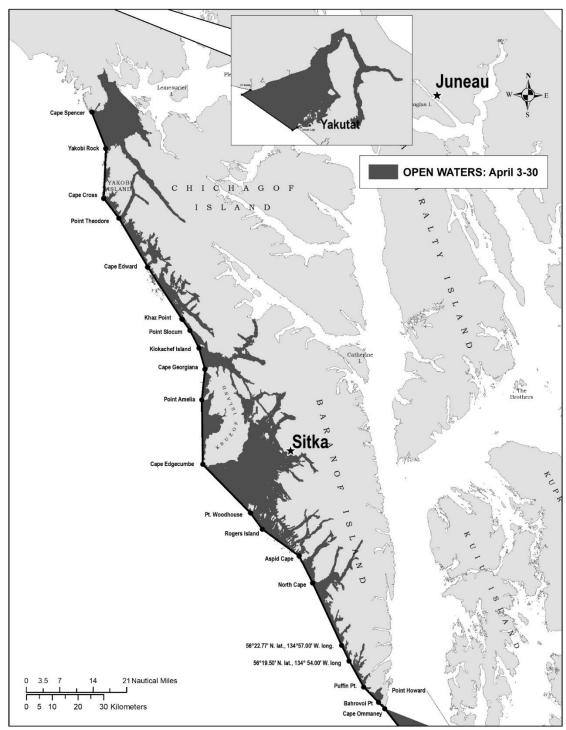


Figure 1.-Winter Troll Fishery open waters, Northern and Central Outside (April 3–30).

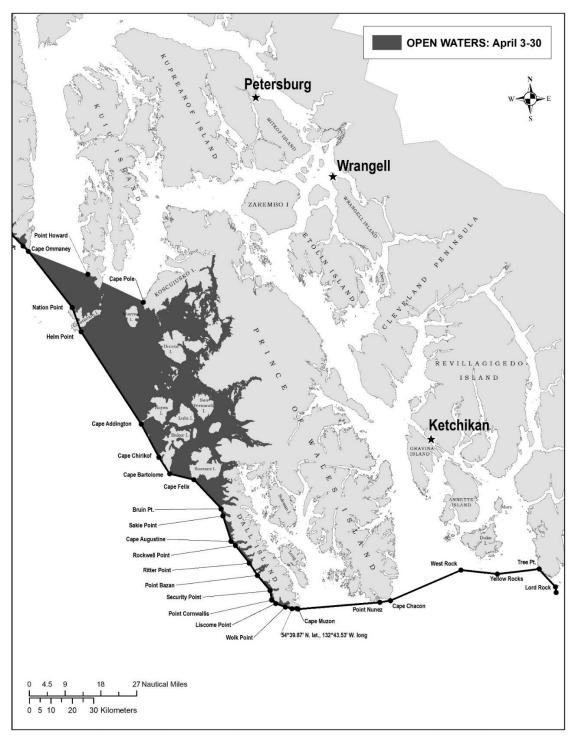


Figure 2.-Winter Troll Fishery open waters, Southern Outside (April 3–30).

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